

POLREP #3 - Jackson Ceramics Lead Site  
Falls Creek, Clearfield Co., PA

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I. Situation (1800 hours, 7/22/87)

A. OSC and TAT complete site assessment 7/21/87 upon OSC receipt of Warrant Authorizing Entry Inspection, and Sampling from United States Magistrate on 7/22/87. Samples being processed for shipment to laboratory for analysis.

B. Personnel on-scene:  
EPA - 1, TAT - 5, Falls Creek Twp - 2

C. Weather: Very hot, humid, temp in mid 90's

II. Actions Taken

A. OSC received warrant via U.S. Mail 7/20/87 allowing for site entry to perform inspection. Conditions of the warrant require OSC to submit detailed log of samples collected (i.e. chain of custody) as well as any additional files and/or records removed from site to U.S. Magistrate in person upon completion of assessment.

B. TAT mobilizes to the scene 7/20/87 to commence assessment activities on 7/21/87.

C. OSC arrived on-scene 0900 hours 7/21/87 to meet with City of Falls Creek Mayor (Caracciolo) and Police Chief (Gundrum) regarding assessment. Also present was representative for Earl Burlingame (potential property buyer) to discuss future EPA action. OSC informs all parties present that future action dependent upon analytical results of samples collected during assessment as well as ongoing R.P. negotiations.

D. OSC and TAT conduct Level C entry inside Jackson Ceramics Plant for purpose of developing inventory of drums and lead containing materials. OSC observes widespread acts of vandalism (broken windows, doors, scattered debris) as well as unsuccessful attempts at arson.

E. TAT collected a total of 12 soil samples to ascertain levels of contamination in waste china piles, and transformer areas as well as reaffirm previous FIT. data. Total of 7 water samples collected from Sandy Lick Creek located immediately adjacent to site and other intermittent stream areas. Total of 2 drum samples collected from solvent storage area. Unsecured transformer also samples. All samples documented via logbook and photographs for U.S. Magistrate required inventory.

F. OSC met with Falls Creek Councilmen (Kevin Boyle) and interested party (Earl Burlingame) to discuss status of 100005

bankruptcy sale by U.S. Attorney (Erie, PA) scheduled for 7/22/87. All parties interested in obtaining copies of analytical data when received. OSC informs parties of Freedom of Information Act Policy for obtaining pertinent site related information.

G. All samples prepared for shipment to respective laboratories. Anticipate two - three week turnaround.

H. OSC, TAT demobilize from site.

### III. Future Plans

A. OSC to forward in person appropriate inventory lists to U.S. Magistrate (Jeanne Sensenich) in accordance with warrant specifications.

B. OSC awaits receipt of analytical data prior to taking any future site action.

C. OSC to discuss site status with EPA Enforcement representative.

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